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DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA FOR USHRC REPRESENTATIVE MEZVINSKY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, CI, SG
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: MIZVINSKY VISIT TO SANTIAGO

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1. AMBASSADOR COMMUNICATED MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL BY
PERSONAL LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL ABDOULAYE DIEYE
OF SENEGALESE SUPREME COURT. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF DIEYE'S REPLY OF APRIL 27 FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF
APRIL 20, 1978 IN WHICH YOU WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO GIVE ME
VALUABLE INFORMATION ON CONTACT WHICH MR. EDWARD MEZVINSKY,
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION,
HAS HAD WITH MR. PINOCHET, PRESIDENT OF CHILE.

I NOTED WITH INTEREST THE ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON
BETWEEN MR. MEZVINSKY AND PRESIDENT PINOCHET. I AM
PERSUADED THAT MY COLLEAGUES, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING
GROUP, WILL APPRECIATE AT THEIR TRUE VALUE THE CONSTANT
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AND EFFICACIOUS EFFORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF YOUR
COUNTRY IS MAKING IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH FRANK AND
FRUITFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND
THE SPECIAL WORKING GROUP OF THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS. MR. MEZVINSKY'S RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
CHILEAN AUTHORITIES SEEM TO CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT STEP
TOWARD BRINGING TOGETHER THE POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED

BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

FOR MY PART, I AM CONVINCED THAT, TO ARRIVE AT SATISFACTORY RESULTS WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO RESTORING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, THE WORKING GROUP AND THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT MUST COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE MODALITIES FOR A VISIT BY THE GROUP TO CHILE IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE VESTED IN IT SINCE 1974 BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

I AM OBVIOUSLY READY TO GO TO NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNED MEETING BETWEEN THE GROUP AND CHILEAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. PLEASE INFORM MR. MEZVINSKY OF ALL THE INTEREST WHICH I FEEL IN LEARNING OF THE VERY USEFUL DEMARCHE WHICH HE HAS UNDERTAKEN. I WOULD LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO MEETING HIM ON THE OCCASION OF MY NEXT TRIP TO NEW YORK. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE).END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT DIEYE WILL BE RECEIVING FURTHER CONFIRMATION FROM WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN ALLANA ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROPOSED MAY 22 MEETING.
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